



# Farming for livelihoods

## EVERYONE IN ANNECY 20th and 21st September 2008

The future of the European Agriculture policy will be at the heart of the debates during the informal Council of European Agriculture Ministers, which will take place in Annecy from the 21st to the 23rd September.

The agriculture policy which we want must :

- **Give back to agriculture its primary vocation : food supply**
- **Promote sustainable family farming, which create jobs**
- **Re-localise productions and adapt them to the territories**
- **Preserve natural resources and ecological balance**
- **Promote and defend the right to food sovereignty in Northern and Southern countries.**

Programme :

Ø *Conferences, debates and discussions*

Ø *Concert on Saturday evening*

Ø *Street animations...*

Ø *Stands, books, alternative media center, films and documentaries*

Ø *Local food market*

Ø *Sunday : Colourfull and festive march*

Ø *Handing out to the ministers of the petition :  
« Agriculture is ill, lets heal the CAP »*

## **The reasons behind this rally**

The global food price crisis brutally put forward by the riots is extremely serious. It is the result of several causes. iClimate Problems have affected the 2006 and 2007 harvests in France and throughout the world. Unfair competition between food crops and agro-fuel crops has greatly aggravated the situation. Finally, this situation is largely a consequence of the deregulation of markets imposed by our governments through the policies of the World Trade Organization, the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the European Union.

After the adaptation in 2008 of the rules of the Common Agriculture Policy that had been set in 2003, the French presidency of the EU decided to engage, as of the Ancey meeting, an institutional debate on the agricultural policy for after 2013.

**We ask from now another European agriculture policy, which is legitimate and fair, which will serve as a considerable lever to fight hunger, regulate the markets and stop the growing precariousness and disappearance of farmers**

- This policy will encourage a sustainable family farming which does not abuse of natural resources
- It will distribute public support in a fairer manner between farms, between sectors, between regions.
- farm and rural employment will be one of its priorities.
- It will relocalise production, give the priority to local and regional trade, limit the production of greenhouse gas and pollution, protect soil fertility and biodiversity, including seeds and traditional breeds.
- It will encourage Southern agricultures by banning all exports to these countries at prices that are below our production costs.

By bringing producers and consumers closer, and through our modes of consumption, we can support this policy.

**This agriculture policy is the only one answering the social, environmental and food challenges the humanity is currently facing**

**LET'S CHANGE THE CAP !**

In order to take part in this rally, please contact the local organisation committee by calling or e-mailing Grégoire Jasson : 04 75 49 4310

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